

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A proanthocyanidine having an effect of attenuating a vacuolating toxin produced by *Helicobacter pylori*.
2. (Original) A proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 1, the proanthocyanidine originates in hop or hop bract.
3. (Original) A proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 1, the proanthocyanidine originates in apple.
4. (Currently Amended) A preventive or preventing recurrence or treating agent ~~for digestive diseases that~~ composition for gastritis, gastric ulcer or gastric cancer in which *Helicobacter pylori* participates, wherein comprising an effective ingredient amount of the agent is the proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.
5. (Currently Amended) A preventive or preventing recurrence or treating agent ~~for digestive diseases that~~ composition for gastritis, gastric ulcer or gastric cancer in which *Helicobacter pylori* participates, wherein comprising an

~~effective ingredient— amount of the agent is the~~  
proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 2, and a pharmaceutically  
acceptable carrier or excipient.

6. (Currently Amended) A preventive or preventing  
recurrence or treating agent ~~for digestive diseases that~~  
composition for gastritis, gastric ulcer or gastric cancer in  
which *Helicobacter pylori* participates, wherein— comprising an  
~~effective ingredient— amount of the agent is the~~  
proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 3, and a pharmaceutically  
acceptable carrier or excipient.

7. (Currently Amended) A neutralizing agent for  
vacuolating toxin that is produced by *Helicobacter pylori*,  
~~wherein— comprising an effective ingredient— amount of the agent~~  
~~is the~~ proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 1, and a  
pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

8. (Currently Amended) A neutralizing agent for  
vacuolating toxin that is produced by *Helicobacter pylori*,  
~~wherein— comprising an effective ingredient— amount of the agent~~  
~~is the~~ proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 2, and a  
pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

9. (Currently Amended) A neutralizing agent for  
vacuolating toxin that is produced by *Helicobacter pylori*,  
~~wherein— comprising an effective ingredient— amount of the agent~~

~~is the proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 3, and a~~  
pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

Claims 10-12 (Cancelled).

13. (Original) A food and drink product containing as an effective ingredient the proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 1.

14. (Original) A food and drink product containing as an effective ingredient the proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 2.

15. (Original) A food and drink product containing as an effective ingredient the proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 3.

16. (New) A pharmaceutical composition for attenuating a vacuolating toxin produced by *Helicobacter pylori*, comprising an effective amount of 2-1000 mg of a proanthocyanidine originating in hop, hop bract or apple, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

17. (New) A proanthocyanidine derived from immature apple fruit or hop bracts and having a property of being capable of attenuating a vacuolating toxin produced by *Helicobacter pylori*.